

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are compounds which inhibit  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis, and, accordingly, have utility in treating Alzheimer's disease. Also disclosed are pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound which

5 inhibits  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis as well as methods for treating Alzheimer's disease both prophylactically and therapeutically with such pharmaceutical compositions.